

CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY
San Luis Obispo, CA 93407
ACADEMIC SENATE

Minutes of the ACADEMIC SENATE
Tuesday, May 26, 1992
UU 220, 3:00-5:00pm

Preparatory: The meeting was called to order at 3:12pm.

I. Minutes:

The minutes of the April 16 and May 5, 1992 Academic Senate meetings were approved without change.

II. Communication(s) and Announcement(s):

- A. New senators and caucus chairs were introduced by the present caucus chairs.
- B. An announcement was made by the Chair that applications are now being received for the statewide Faculty Trustee position.
- C. The Chair announced that President Baker has asked the Academic Senate Budget Committee to serve as a consultative body re university-wide budget matters.
- D. Vice Chair Gamble presented Charlie Andrews with an engraved gavel stand as a token of appreciation for his service as Chair during the past year.

III. Reports:

- A. Academic Senate Chair: President Baker has stated that administrative restructuring is under consideration.
- B. President's Office: none
- C. Vice President for Academic Affairs:
Koob: Cal Poly has been informally instructed by the Chancellor to plan for an 8 percent budget reduction from the Phase I projection previously submitted. The total amount of reductions could be as high as 14 to 18 percent.
- D. Statewide Senators: none
- E. CFA Campus President: none
- F. ASI Representatives:
Burnett: (1) The resolution on elimination of funding to intercollegiate Athletics was voted down 12-8 by the students because it was felt more information was needed. (2) The resolution supporting a 40 percent fee increase was passed. (3) The pilot study regarding the use of an evaluative testing survey (ETS) of faculty/courses has been completed. It probably will not be used in the future.

IV. Consent Agenda:

V. Business Items:

- A. Resolution on Time Frame to Obtain Degree, second reading: M/S/P to approve this resolution.
- B. Resolution on Curriculum, second reading: After extension discussion regarding the purpose and value of free electives, the motion (made by Botwin/Johnson) to delete item 4, Free Electives (p. 11 of the agenda), failed. M/S/P to approve the resolution. An informal request was made to the Chair of the Curriculum Committee to have the committee look at the issue of periodically reviewing programs that are exempted from the free electives requirement. The Chair agreed to bring this before the committee.
- C. Resolution on Repeating Courses for Credit, second reading: M/S/P to approve this resolution.
- D. Resolution on Reduction of Funding for Intercollegiate Athletics, first reading: M/S/P (Botwin/Mori) to move this resolution to a second reading item. Senator Gooden asked how Athletics was different from any other program that required a review before a decision to eliminate it could be made. Senator Wilson responded that Athletics is not a program of learning. It has gained nationwide importance over a period of time but it was not part of the mission of the 'university.' He felt a good Athletics program could still be maintained without the use of State funds.

A friendly amendment was offered to insert the word "intercollegiate" before "Athletics" wherever it appeared in the resolution. The amendment was accepted.

A motion was made (Harris/Gooden) to strike the last Resolved and replace it with the following: "RESOLVED: That the intercollegiate program formally be reviewed for discontinuance according to administrative guidelines." The motion to amend failed.

Another motion (Gooden/Vix) was made to eliminate the second Resolved clause and change the first Resolved clause to read: "RESOLVED: That any additional reductions in programs include a comparable review of the intercollegiate Athletics program." The motion to amend failed 9-28.

A motion to call for the question was approved 30-7. M/S/P to adopt the resolution with the insertion of "intercollegiate" before "Athletics" wherever it appears passed 33-9.

- E. Resolution on Evaluation of School Deans, first reading: Attachments to this resolution were distributed at the meeting (dean's evaluation form and a copy of the changes made to this resolution from the 1986 resolution of the same subject).

It was proposed that the frequency of evaluation be changed from "every three years" to "annually." This suggestion will be sent to the Personnel Policies Committee for its consideration. This resolution will be a second reading item at the first Academic Senate meeting of Fall, 1992.


- F. Election of Academic Senate Secretary for the 1992/93 term: Nominations for Senate secretary were requested on the floor of the Senate. Craig Russell was nominated by Barbara Mori. Russell was elected Secretary by acclamation.

VI. Discussion:

Program Review & Improvement Committee (PR&IC): This was an added item to the agenda. The Chair announced the individuals elected to this committee. Charles Andrews was selected chair of the committee. The committee has been asked by Vice President Koob to review academic programs by July 15, 1992 and provide information regarding program improvement. The deans will be asked to provide their prioritization of programs for review. In addition, the recommendations of the previous review committee will also be considered. The Academic Senate Executive Committee will select the programs to be reviewed. The PR&IC will not be making this decision.

P Murphy: This is very different from the original process suggested by the review document wherein all programs would be reviewed over a five-year period. Gooden: The administration would like input from the faculty before July 15. Is there a better process that could be suggested? It is mandated by HEERA that faculty are to review the quality of academic programs. Shelton: It's important that ALL programs be evaluated even if it's an abbreviated review.

VII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:03pm.


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Approved by:
Craig Russell, Secretary
Academic Senate

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